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To extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LOTT (for Mr. McCAIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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## A BILL

To extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FAA Authorization  
5 Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,**

7 **ETC.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
9 48103 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
10 striking “\$2,410,000,000 for the fiscal year ending Sep-

1 tember 30, 1999.” and inserting “\$1,237,500,000 for the  
2 6-month period ending March 31, 2000.”.

3 (b) OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c)  
4 of such title is amended by striking “September 30,  
5 1999,” and inserting “March 31, 2000,”.

6 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION OR DIS-**  
7 **POSAL, SCHEDULED HEAVY MAINTENANCE,**  
8 **OR LEASING-RELATED FLIGHTS.**

9 Section 47528 of title 49, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “subsection (b)” in subsection  
12 (a) and inserting “subsection (b) or (f)”;

13 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (e) the  
14 following:

15 “(4) An air carrier operating Stage 2 aircraft  
16 under this subsection may transport Stage 2 aircraft  
17 to or from the 48 contiguous States on a non-rev-  
18 enue basis in order—

19 “(A) to perform maintenance (including  
20 major alterations) or preventative maintenance  
21 on aircraft operated, or to be operated, within  
22 the limitations of paragraph (2)(B); or

23 “(B) conduct operations within the limita-  
24 tions of paragraph (2)(B).”; and

25 (3) adding at the end thereof the following:

1       “(f) AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION, DISPOSAL, SCHED-  
2 ULED HEAVY MAINTENANCE, OR LEASING.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall permit  
4 a person to operate after December 31, 1999, a  
5 Stage 2 aircraft in nonrevenue service through the  
6 airspace of the United States or to or from an air-  
7 port in the contiguous 48 States in order to—

8               “(A) sell, lease, or use the aircraft outside  
9 the contiguous 48 States;

10              “(B) scrap the aircraft;

11              “(C) obtain modifications to the aircraft to  
12 meet Stage 3 noise levels;

13              “(D) perform scheduled heavy maintenance  
14 or significant modifications on the aircraft at a  
15 maintenance facility located in the contiguous  
16 48 States;

17              “(E) deliver the aircraft to an operator  
18 leasing the aircraft from the owner or return  
19 the aircraft to the lessor;

20              “(F) prepare or park or store the aircraft  
21 in anticipation of any of the activities described  
22 in subparagraphs (A) through (E); or

23              “(G) divert the aircraft to an alternative  
24 airport in the contiguous 48 States on account  
25 of weather, mechanical, fuel, air traffic control,

1 or other safety reasons while conducting a flight  
 2 in order to perform any of the activities de-  
 3 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

4 “(2) PROCEDURE TO BE PUBLISHED.—The  
 5 Secretary shall establish and publish, not later than  
 6 30 days after the date of enactment of the FAA Au-  
 7 thorization Extension Act, a procedure to implement  
 8 paragraph (1) of this subsection through the use of  
 9 categorical waivers, ferry permits, or other means.”.

10 **SEC. 4. NOISE STANDARDS FOR EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 47528(a) of title 49,  
 12 United States Code, is amended by inserting “(for which  
 13 an airworthiness certificate other than an experimental  
 14 certificate has been issued by the Administrator)” after  
 15 “civil subsonic turbojet”.

16 (b) FAR MODIFIED.—The Federal Aviation Regula-  
 17 tions contained in part 14 of the Code of Federal Regula-  
 18 tions that implement section 47528 and related provisions  
 19 shall be deemed to incorporate the change made by sub-  
 20 section (a) effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 5. EXISTING AND PENDING DETERMINATIONS NOT**  
 22 **AFFECTED.**

23 The amendments made by section 3 and by section  
 24 4(a), and the provisions of section 4(b), do not interfere  
 25 with or otherwise modify any determination—

1           (1) made by the Federal Aviation Administra-  
2           tion under part 161 of title 14 of the Code of Fed-  
3           eral Regulations before November 2, 1999; or

4           (2) pursuant to an application that was pending  
5           before the Federal Aviation Administration for a de-  
6           termination under that part on November 1, 1999.

7 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF WAR RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

8           Section 44310 of title 49, United States Code, is  
9           amended by striking “after” and all that follows and in-  
10          serting “after March 31, 2000.”.

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